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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

26 August 1960

SUBJECT: Librarians Exchange

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Participants: [REDACTED] CIA Library
Melville J. Ruggles, Council on Library Resources

1. During conversation this date, Mr. Ruggles stated that a major consideration in the postponing of the US-USSR exchange of librarians had been the Powers trial. Also, that four of the US delegation found it almost impossible to get away in October of this year. The ALA was becoming concerned about setting up a schedule for the visitors, as there had been no word from the Russians since May of this year, and the type of schedule required calls for close timing, dovetailing with college calendars, etc.

2. Mr. Ruggles stated that he had absolutely no indication that the exchange would be canceled. He expects it to take place, and that the date will be next spring.

3. [REDACTED] of ALA, who is coordinating the hosting of this exchange, doubts if the membership of the US delegation will be changed, but he has strongly urged each member to spend as much time as possible with Russian language records until the trip takes place.

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Chief Reference Librarian

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